Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA IYENGAR.—There is a suggestion that a Harijan Member should be taken into that Committee. It will be considered.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಬಿ. ರಾಮಸ್ವಾಮಿ.—ಡಿಸ್ಟ್ರಿಕ್ಟ್ ಕಮಿಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹರಿಜನಗಿರಿಜನರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಾತಿನಿಧ್ಯ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೇ ? ಹರಿಜನಗಿರಿಜನರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಾತಿನಿಧ್ಯ ಕೊಡದೆ ಹೋಗಿದ್ದರೆ ಇನ್ನು ಮೇಲೆ ಆದರೂ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಾತಿನಿಧ್ಯ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA IYENGAR.—I have already answered that question.

ಶ್ರೀ ವಿರುಪಾಕ್ಷಪ್ಪ.—5—6 ಮಾಸ್ಟರುಗಳ ಜಾಗ ಖಾಲಿ ಇದೆಯೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಅವನ್ನು ಯಾವಾಗ ತುಂಬುತ್ತೀರಿ ?

Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA IYENGAR.—It will immediately be done.

Water Supply Scheme for Gulbarga City

132. Sri PRABHAKAR TELKAR (Kalgi).—

Will the Minister for Municipal Administration be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the work of water supply at Gulbarga City has been started :

(*b*) if so, since when ;

(*c*) the period within which it is expected to be completed ;

(*d*) the estimated cost of the Water Supply Scheme ?

Sri B. BASAVALINGAPPA (Minister for Municipal Administration).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The 1st stage work was started in the year 1966 and it is nearing completion.—

The 2nd stage work has been taken up for execution in January 1972.

(*c*) By the end of 1973.

(*d*) The estimated cost of 1st stage is Rs. 97 lakhs and that of the 2nd stage is Rs. 89.68 lakhs ?

Sri PRABHAKAR TELKAR.—Has the Government or the concerned Authority placed orders for the purchase of pipes for the 2nd Stage ?

† Sri B. BASAVALINGAPPA.—The orders were placed with the Calcutta Firm.

Sri PRABHAKAR TELKAR.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that the Calcutta Firm has not yet accepted the orders and even if it accepts it will take two years for sending the pipes to Gulbarga ?

Sri B. BASAVALINGAPPA.—There is some truth in what the Hon. Member says. Since the Firm is supplying pipes to all parts of the country, there will be considerable delay in supplying these pipes to this particular project. We have been thinking of getting these pipes manufactured in our Bhadravathi Iron Works.

Sri PRABHAKAR TELKAR.—In answer to (*c*) it is stated that the work will be completed within the end of 1973. It is not possible to complete the work within that period. Am I not correct ?

Sri B. BASAVALINGAPPA.—I do not agree with the Hon. Member. It will be completed by the end of 1973.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಾಪುರಾವ್ ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಗುಲ್ಬರ್ಗಾದಲ್ಲಿ ನತತವಾಗಿ ಎರಡು ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರಿನ ಅಭಾವ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಪ್ರಮಾಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಇದ್ದ ಕಾರಣ ತಾವು ಹೇಳಿದ ಪ್ರಕಾರ 1973ರ ಅಂತ್ಯ ದೊಳಗೆ ಮುಗಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಏರ್ಪಾಡು ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

Sri B. BASAVALINGAPPA.—I have answered this question.

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR.—Water Supply scheme is sanctioned to Gulbarga. I want to know to what population it will be sufficient and what will be the period for which it will be useful ?

Sri B. BASAVALINGAPPA.—The present population is 97,150. It is expected that by 1981 it would increase by another 30,000, *i.e.*, the total population would be nearly 1,25,000. The present project is expected to satisfy the needs of nearly 2 lakhs of population by 2001 A.D.

Collection of Purchase Tax from Sugar Factories

133. Sri B. SATHYANARAYANA SINGH (Hospet).—

Will the Minister for Finance be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Rs. 10 per ton is being collected as Purchase Tax from the managements of Sugar Factories in respect of sugarcane transported to sugar factories ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that a cess called 'Sugarcane Cess' was being collected from the managements of sugar factories prior to its being held *ultra vires* of the Constitution by the Supreme Court ?

Sri M. Y. GHORPADE (Minister for Finance).—

(*a*) The rate of Purchase Tax on sugarcane purchased by sugar factories is 10 per cent.

(*b*) Yes.